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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Binta M. Robinson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-6,12,15,25 and 50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-11,13,14,16,17,22,23,26-29,35,37-40,42-45 and 47-49 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Detailed Action

(modified rejection)

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 15 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A. In claim 1 and all occurrences throughout the claims, the phrase "substituent can be substituted or unstubstited, straight chain or branched chain, and hydrophobic, hydrophilor or fluorophilic" is indefinite. A substituent can not be optionally hydrophobic or hydrophilic. If a substituent is hydrophobic it is not hydrophilic, unless a portion of the substituent is hydrophobic and another portion of the substituent is hydrophilic. It is unclear as to what the applicant means by this phrase. The terms "hydrophobic" and "hydrophilic" or "fluorophilic" are functional language. The moieties being depicted are not known from this language. The terms "hydrophobic" and "hydrophilic" or "fluorophilic" do not depict a definitive set of chemical structures but chemical reagents. For example, what does "flourophilic" really mean? Does it mean that an fluorine atim comes to a compound as a nucleophile or is the atom displayed in the compound as part of a final product, replacing another fluorine atom in the compound.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cueto. (See Reference U).

Cueto et. al. teaches the instant compound as shown in Formula 3, where X equals H. At page 279, see formula 3 where X is H. The difference between the prior art compound and the instantly claimed compound is the teaching of the of formula 3 and the compound of formula 5 which is a reactant in the synthesis of compound of formula 3. If a compound of formula 3 where X is H is exists, then it is obvious that a reactant compound of formula 5 where both X and Y are bromine exists in order to synthesize the final product of formula 3 where X is H. Accordingly, the compounds are deemed unpatentable therefrom in the absence of a showing of unexpected results for the claimed compounds over those of the generic prior art compounds.

The claims 7-11, 13-14, 16-17, 22-23, 26-29, 35, 37-40, 42-45, 47-49 are objected to because they are based on a rejected claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binta M. Robinson whose telephone number is (703) 306-5437. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alan Rotman can be reached on (703)308-4698. The fax phone numbers

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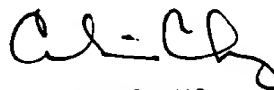
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for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)308-7922 for regular communications and (703)308-7922 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0193.

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